

# United Methodist Church

## December 2007 Monthly Newsletter

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### All Church Women Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 12th @ 7:00 pm

Jean Templeton's Home

*Please bring a small gift to share and/or a food item for the Lake City Food Shelf, also share a Christmas song or reading.*

December 15th - 4:30 pm



# Caroling!

We will be riding all around town on a trailer, caroling in front of homes and entering a few buildings to spread the joy of Christmas - all are welcome to join us.

Christmas is just around the corner which means it's time for the Sunday School Christmas Program which is scheduled for

**Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm**

We will be practicing every Sunday from now until the big night.

Here is a tentative schedule for rehearsal dates and times.

Any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Wednesday, December 12      5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 16          9:30 am - 10:30 am

More information will follow closer to the date. Thank you for allowing your child to be part of God's blessing!

Sarah Emm Chesher  
952.240.1003 cell  
651.345.3625 church

Dear friends,

Al Johnson was a Kansas man who came to faith in Jesus Christ. His conversion is remarkable by its result: Johnson's new faith in Christ led him to confess to a bank robbery back when he was nineteen years old. Because the statute of limitations had run out, Johnson could not be prosecuted. Still, he believed his relationship with Christ demanded a confession. And he voluntarily repaid his share of the stolen money.

This is a good example of the "Advent Attitude".

We all have baggage in our past that we aren't proud of. We come to Christ and often forget about it, or worse, continue it with a careless attitude that God's grace will cover it. Nobody's perfect, after all.

However, the message of Advent is that Christ is coming. This refers not only to Christ coming at Bethlehem 2000 years ago. Christ is coming AGAIN. The next time it will not be for salvation alone, but for judgment.



Christ is coming to take to Himself a holy bride, the true Church. The universal (holy catholic) Church is made up of people from all denominations that are sincere followers of Christ by virtue of a personal, dependent, imperfect, but yearning to be obedient relationship with Him. Every believer is like Al Johnson: We want to be ready for the moment of Christ's return. We want to be part of the holy bride of Christ that our Lord will take to be with Himself.

As Christians we cling to Christ out of faith: "I know whom I have believed and am convinced that he is able to guard that which I've entrusted to Him until that day" (of His return).

2 Timothy 1:12



***Poinsettias may be brought to the kitchen any Saturday in December with your name attached and in whose memory you wish it designated.***

We stay close to Christ out of fear: “He who believes in Him is not judged. He who does not believe in Him is judged already, because he has not believed in the only begotten Son of God.”

John 3: 18

We want to be with Christ out of love: “I consider all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord ... that I may gain Christ and be found in Him (at His return) ...” Philippians 3:8-9

The “Advent Attitude” is to be zealous to be “found in Him” in a faithful spiritual condition. We want Christ to come back now and find us faithful, not cherishing an addiction to comfort or a loose tongue that offends others, not bearing unforgiveness in our hearts, but being reconciled to the inevitable differences between people and the continual imperfections in our world.

It is forever a challenge, but we want to be found “pure and spotless” by Christ when He returns. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Matthew 5:8

So, Advent is a time to examine ourselves and clear away all the old, yucky stuff that we haven’t let go of: Old, hopeless attitudes, paying off old debts (like the bank we robbed!), forgiving others, forgiving ourselves, deciding to never put down others with words or actions. The list of things we can do better is long. But we always seek to be better, because we desire to be like Christ our Lord.

*Rev. Don*



American Red Cross @ LCUMC

January 21st, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

“O” Drive

## Youth News...

Starting January 6th many of our youth will be participating in an abstinence course called the Silver Ring Thing. There are many courses available for churches on waiting for marriage, but we choose SRT for its focus on the spiritual and psychological ramifications of sex before marriage. These youth will attend 4 classes of instruction and take a vow of purity at its conclusion. After taking a vow of purity, they will receive a ring to wear as an outward reminder. The materials for each youth will cost about \$50. If you wish to sponsor a youth by paying this cost, please contact Rann Loppnow at 753-2065. We believe this will be a life changing program and well worth the cost and effort.



On Dec. 27th the youth will again provide and serve a meal at the Simpson Men's Shelter. We have participated in this mission project for several years and find it very rewarding and educational for the youth every time we go.



We are really enjoying Wednesday night Big Fish gatherings. The youth love the band and its continued growth musically and it really helps them focus on praise. Our biggest joy is that we are really packed in the youth room for our discussions. It makes for a close, connected feeling. God is Good!

We are currently in the planning stage for another lock in with 1st Lutheran, a new class of Peer Ministers, and sign up for STORM in Park Rapids.

### THE MATRIX

The Matrix continues to be open every Saturday evening from 7-10 pm through March. Stop down and check it out. Bring a parent or guardian with you and get your paperwork completed. Its just that easy! Besides, what else is there to do in Lake City on a weekend?

**United Methodist Men's TLC Club**  
**Would like to welcome you to breakfast the first**  
**Saturday of every month at 7:30 am**

***Young In Spirit Events Schedule***

**Thursday, January 17th or 24th**  
Winter Gathering to be announced later

**Thursday, May 22nd**  
Welcome Back Snowbirds ~ Lunch Out

***Diamonds In The Rough***

**Women's Group**

Meeting for Bible Study and Fellowship

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18th @ 7:00 pm.**  
@ Dianna Flater's Home 1005 W. Center St. Everyone is welcome!  
For more information contact Dianna Flater @ 651-345-5297

**Knitting Group**

Volunteers meeting every Monday in Rogers Hall @ 10am.  
Everyone is welcome to come anytime!

*The "Knitting Group" has received lots of cotton yarn. We are turning it into dishcloths to raise funds to purchase prayer shawl yarn. These dishcloths will be on sale in Rogers Hall between services.*

**Lake City Food Shelf**

In **December** the Food Shelf is accepting donations of stuffing mix and rice. Feel free to give whatever you feel might make the holidays a bit brighter.

Thanks for all of your help in the past, we really appreciate it.

**United Methodist Worship Schedule To Be Viewed On  
Cable Channel 18 Schedule**

**Sunday**

6:45 - 8:00pm Traditional Service  
8:00 - 9:00pm Live Alive Service

**Monday**

9:00 - 10:15am Traditional Service

**Tuesday**

12:00 - 1:00am Live Alive Service

**Thursday**

8:30 - 9:45pm Traditional Service  
10:30 - 11:30pm Live Alive Service

**Friday**

4:00 - 5:00pm Live Alive Service

**Saturday**

1:00 - 2:00pm Live Alive Service

**New Address: Wendy Roberts, 204 N. High St, Lake City, MN 55041**

**2008 Committee Chairpersons**

In the event that you would need to speak to a specific committee you may contact the following person and they will be glad to try and help you.

- ◆ Church Council Chairperson = Jim Paine 345-5757
- ◆ Lay Member of Annual Conference = Clay Ruggles 345-4265
- ◆ Lay Leader = Anne Olson 345-4866
- ◆ SPPR Chairperson = Gloria Feigal 345-4232
- ◆ Finance Committee Chairperson = Paul Moechnig 345-4372
- ◆ Financial Secretary = Gay Thompson 345-4903
- ◆ Trustees Chairperson =
- ◆ Membership Secretary = Joyce Moechnig 345-2827
- ◆ Historian = Pat Bremer 345-3423
- ◆ Youth Director = Rann Loppnow 753-2065
- ◆ Children & Youth Ministries = Sarah Emm Chesher (952) 240-1003
- ◆ Worship Ministry Chairperson = Mary Kay Paine 345-5757
- ◆ Memorial Chairperson = Louise Rainey 345-2506
- ◆ Missions = Ginger Holm 345-3458
- ◆ Outreach Team = Al Thompson (651) 380-5365
- ◆ Stewardship = Al Thompson (651) 380-5365

### **Deepest Sympathy To...**

**Marilyn Thoe and family** on the death of her husband, Norman, on October 26 at his home. His funeral was at LCUMC on October 30th.

**Debbie & Roger Eggenberger and family** on the death of her mother, Mary Mills of Cannon Falls on October 29th. The Funeral was November 1 at St Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls.

**Betty & Jim Allbright and family** on the death of her mother, Edna Heiser of North Mankato on October 31. Her memorial service was November 3 at the United Church of Christ in New Ulm.

**Jim & Dorothy Schenk and family** on the death of his son, Thomas of Owatonna on November 1. His Memorial service was on November 6 at St Augustine Catholic Church in Austin.

**Steve Setzer and family** (former members) on the death of his wife, Sally Setzer, at her home in Red Wing with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

**Arlone Crowson and family** on the death of her sister, Mavis Frank, at her home in rural Preston on November 13. Her funeral was November 16 at Christ Lutheran Church in Preston with burial at Bloomfield Cemetery in Ostrander.

### **Congratulations To...**

**Katie Loppnow:** Inducted into National Honor Society

**Jenny Martin:** State Cross Country Meet & State Dance Line Competition

**Irene Abbott:** 95 years young

**Zach Loppnow & John Anderson** on being selected to participate in the HVL Honors Band Concert

### **God's Blessings To...**

**Amy & David Glomski** on the birth of their son **Nolan Harold** on November 7 at Rochester Methodist Hospital. Also to BIG sister, **Annika** & Grandmother **Joyce Moechnig**.